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In re application of:

Chan Daigle et al.

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Examiner: Eric K. Nicholson

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8-17, 31-33, 38 and 39, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks

Claims 1-41 were pending.

Claims 1-41 were subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 8-17, 31-33, 38 and 39 have been canceled.



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The Restriction Requirement:

The examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, 18-30, 34-37, 40 and 41, drawn to an expandable tubular assembly, classified in class 285, subclass 382.
- Π. Claims 8-17, 31-33, 38 and 39, drawn to a method of coupling an expandable tubular assembly, classified in class 29, subclass 458.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I - 1-7, 18-30, 34-37, 40 and 41.

As a result, the non-elected invention of Group II - claims 8-17, 31-33, 38 and 39 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and will be pursued in a corresponding divisional application.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to

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